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Crash! Bam! Off!

Crash! Bam! Oof! That's what happened to Arlando Switzer yesterday during his lunch period. He was peacefully walking along, when he felt a goeey something under his feet. All of a sudden he was flying through the air. Then he landed with a CRASH right on top of the milk bottles! What a mess!

That's what could happen to any one of you sweet, innocent readers. But have you ever stopped to think who the cause of poor Arlando's accident was? Yep, you guessed it! It You! If we all keep the lunchroom clean, that won't happen.

So how about it Pandas? Come on, let's try!



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Miss Morrison
Mr. Evans
Wed Feb. 18

Miss Barbara Morrison, Pershing social studies teacher and Mr. George C. Evans, ex-Pershing teacher, were married on Friday, February 18 in St. Marks Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morrison Sr. of 933 Dorothy. Her father is the former chief of police of Houston. The bride is a '54 graduate of the University of Houston.

Mr. Evans is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Evans of Smithville, Texas. Mr. Evans is a '51 graduate of Baylor University. He went into the Air Force after he graduated from Baylor.

The attendants were Miss Marilyn Parmlee and Mr. John Daly.

The bride wore a navy blue imported linen suit, with a white hat and gloves.

Miss Morrison received many gifts from her classes at Pershing. These included a silver tray, silver mint dish, and a set of glasses. She received a bronze coffee warmer from the faculty. A former home-room gave the couple a pie server in the bride's pattern.

The Man

Attention all students having trouble with science! Mr. Cawthon introduced to his math class a "man". His origin is silly, says Mr. Cawthon, but he will help you remember the colors that make light . . . So—meet Mr. Roy G. Biv.

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 Green
 Blue
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 Violet
 These are the colors that make light . . . Pershing, this is Roy. Roy, meet Pershing. — Pretty good, eh?

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SHORT, SHORT

OLD BRISTLE BACK

By Polly Poole

In Louisiana there is an old French village called Abby Leone. In this village there is a bayou, not like the ones you may know, or may have seen. One with snakes, alligators, and wild razor back hogs, a dreary one with quicksand. A dead stillness lies over the bayou until maybe a flock of wild geese light on the water, but with the dawn they leave, always fewer. You see there is something deadly in this bayou.

Pierre Dupree was thirteen. He was not interested in girls or games. He was interested in doing something unusual to gain recognition. He loved to hear his elders discuss feats of olden times performed by members of his family. Today his father was talking about his uncle Jacques who had killed a razorback hog which was pronounced by all, the largest killed in Louisiana at that time. For this feat he had won a hand-made saddle. A reward of the same prize still stood for anyone who could break his record.

This bayou was taboo. No one went near it except Pierre, who knew every tree, bog, and trail in it. He had also seen larger hogs than the ones they spoke about. The largest of all was old Bristle Back, who could kill anything within a radius of fifty miles — even a human. He was determined to bring him in.

He asked permission to borrow his father's rifle on Saturday. Permission was granted. No one asked

where he was going, for really it did not matter. He made the bayou by seven thirty. He was quiet so as not to give away his presence. By eight thirty Bristle Back had not shown up; nine thirty, ten thirty; finally at six o'clock came water time. Was it his imagination? No Bristle Back looked bigger than ever He raised his gun. Bang! The smoke cleared and old Bristle Back was no longer king of the bayou.

When Pierre returned his mother nearly fainted, his father was wide-eyed with awe, so proud of his son, but so frightened of what could have happened.

For Lily, Pierre's horse, there was a new saddle. For Pierre there was recognition.

Record Column

Hi, Record Spinners,
 Well, here I am with most of the popular tune hits. "Darling Je Vous Aime Beaucoup" by Nat King Cole is still holding tight to first place just as Billy Vaughn's "Melody of Love" is hanging on to second.

"Earth Angel" by the Penguins sure put up a big fight but dropped to sixth place while Pledging My Love by Johnny Ace took over the number three spot on Houston's Top Twenty.

"How Important Can It Be" by Joni James dropped one notch to wind up in fifth place while "Blue Velvet" by the Clovers became number four.

That just about covers the big changes in Houston's Top Twenty this week. So long. See you later.

L7's Dance

A sport dance was held for the Low Seventh Grade February 25th from 3:15 to 5:0 P.M. in the Pershing cafeteria.

The dance was sponsored by the Student Council to welcome the new students. There are 250 Low Seventh Graders, and many of them attended the dance. The Cheerleaders provided entertainment.

Chatter Lament

Here we sit all broken-hearted—
 We cannot finish what we started.
 We're out of news,
 We're out of sports,
 We're out of stories and out of sorts.

This is the reason for this little epic—
 We're tired and dirty, need anti-septic.
 The deadline is past —
 The papers are due—
 We're killing ourselves for the love of you.
 But we'll recover tho' somewhat daft,
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Many Pershingites
Have Traveled Far

Pershing has many students who have lived in foreign countries. Har- day Woodruff is one of them. He grew up in Sweden, lived in Lebanon for three years, and spent three months in Spain.

Hardy has traveled in France, Germany, Holland, and Belgium. He lived a year in French Morocco. While living in different countries, he learned to speak Swedish, English, French and Spanish.

Hardy has attended Swedish schools and enjoys Pershing very much. The athletic department in Sweden is unlike ours for they have high jumps, soccer, and track.

● Judy Siebert, a 9th grader, has lived in Argentina most of her life. She has traveled in Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, and Puerto Rico. Judy says Pershing is entirely different and much larger than the school she attended in Buenos Aires. She hopes to become a good American citizen.

● William Lee Hamrick, a 7th grader, was born in Southern Rhodesia. He likes Pershing very much. Bill lived in Southern Rhodesia four years, where his father was a Methodist missionary.

He can speak the Otatala tongue which is one of the 2,000 languages in Africa. Then his family traveled to the Belgian Congo. Bill did not attend schools while abroad but his mother taught him. The last school he attended was in Chicago.

He has a younger brother and sister also born in Southern Rhodesia.

● Willemien Van Olphen was born in Holland. She can speak Dutch and some German. She has visited Germany, Austria, and lived eight years in Holland. Willemien likes Pershing and in two years will become an American citizen.

● Also, right under our nose is Sandra Pilitt. Sandra was born in Puerto Rico, July 7, 1941 and is thirteen years old.

Living in England, Puerto Rico, and the United States and traveling all over Europe (Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, and the British

Isles) has been an exciting experience for her.

Sandra has done many things in the countries she has lived in. In both England and the United States she was a Brownie, and in England she was also a Girl Guide (British Girl Scout). Right now she is in a Girl Scout troop here.



Running through the brains of some of the ninth graders this time is the question, "Why did I ever take Latin?"

At least this thought comes to Judy Truitt at lunch everyday as she studies frantically for the daily test.

Seriously, Latin is a great subject and when you have it from Mrs. Robertson, it's tops!

This month Pershingites went to a carload of parties. It started with Peggy Coerver's slumberless party January 20.

The groggy girls seen there were Nancy Rickards (and teddy bear), Judy Cunningham, Ann Echols, Connie Cook, Ann Cooper, Valerie Daunoy, Malbie Parker, and Barbara O'Brien.

Later on a few boys dropped in to live up things. That must have been some party!

At the Herman Park Log Cabin the Stardusters had their Hawaiian Dance on February 4. According to reports, it was quite a ball. Seen were Emily Hamrick, Bill Keller, and Marilyn Walker.

Also on February 4, Wendy Melchoir gave a slumber (less) party. Some of the dreamy girls with bags under their eyes were Kay Curry (the essay contest winner), Marie Cheatham, and Kay Pegues.

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IN SCHOLASTIC ARTS

Pershing students made a good showing recently in the Scholastic Art Contest, in which they competed with other junior high students from Houston and other southeast Texas cities.

This contest was open to all junior and senior high students in painting to ceramic work. Judging was done in three groups: a senior high jury, a junior high jury, and a

handcraft jury. Making up the junior high jury were Miss Evelyn Beard, Mrs. Robin Curtis, and Mr. Herbert Mears.

Two types of awards were given, gold achievement keys and certificates of merit, the former being the higher. Pictures winning awards were exhibited February 12 through February 23, at Foley's Town Hall. All key awards and some certificates will be sent to a national exhibit where they will be judged with winners from other regional exhibits all over the country.

Students winning from Pershing were: Anne Taylor, a key; Heather Darley, a certificate; Claudette Grissom, a certificate; Nancy Kleir, a certificate; and Ruth Moates, a certificate.

Craddock. 'All the way, Pandemonium, all the way!'

How many of us have been victimized by Dell Turner and his "rice soup" jokes? If you don't know, just ask Dell and you (poor dog) will find out. Ugh and double ugh!

Back to dear ole Latin Class. The other day something was drastically funny to Karen Lyon and Janet Kelley. Mrs. Robertson stared at them for a few minutes, then spoke another of her priceless bits of enlightening wisdom. In the calmest of calm voices she said, "They get red when they laugh, don't they?" She went on with the class work.

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